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[stamp "Entry No. 03365 [handwritten "Note - accompanying '__'_____1945 document is in case 154, page 10 [illeg. line]"] for secret file, for 1945, 30 May 45 [illeg. signature]"] to the Commandant, 90th Komendatura Assembly Transfer Point 16 March 1945 Major Telichko

Junior Lieutenant Kurlin, assigned by you to escort the seventy-one (71) American fliers who were forced to land in the rear area of the Russian Forces, arrived with this group in Bucharest on 14 March 1945.

All the members of the group who arrived here were very thankful to Junior Lieutenant Kurlin for his concern during their trip and also for the opportunity to relax in one of the cities along the way, where he afforded them the opportunity for entertainment in a local theater. For our part, we are very thankful that you once again entrusted the delivery of our fliers to [Junior] Lieutenant Kurlin. In this way, he has twice through personal example proved the splendid attitude that members of the Russian Forces have towards their allies, who due to military necessity find themselves in their midst. Be assured that the American Army Air Corps High Command greatly values and fully appreciates all the concern shown to our fliers while they were in the rear area of the Russian Forces. [handwritten asterisk]

The question of where American representatives will receive American servicemen from the Russian authorities was discussed in Moscow between the Senior Military Representative of the United States of America, General Khill [Hill], and Air Marshall Khudyakov. As a result of these discussions, it was decided that all American servicemen being evacuated by Russian authorities from areas south of the Carpathian Mountains would be handed over in Bucharest. In connection with the arrival here of the group of servicemen mentioned above in this letter, this question was discussed here in Bucharest with the Head of the Allied Control Commission, Lieutenant General Vinogradov, who also confirmed this decision.

On the basis of information available to us, your higher command has either already been notified or will be notified in the very near future - 1 - [TFR 56-2]

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of this decision. By virtue of this and in order to avoid unnecessary difficulties, we request that in the future all American servicemen, being evacuated by the Repatriation Department of the 3rd Ukrainian Front, be sent through your Komendatura to the city of Bucharest to be turned over to our Group.

For the Group Commander:

[signature] DZHAK MULVEKHIL Major, Army Air Corps, USA Senior Officer

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to the Commandant, 90th Komendatura Assembly Transfer Point Major Telechko

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Dear Major Telechko,

The military medic, Kurlin, assigned by you to escort the sixty (60) American fliers, who were forced to land in the rear area of the Russian Forces, arrived with this group in Bucharest on 28 February 1945.

Allow me to express thanks to Medic Kurlin on behalf of all the American fliers in his charge for his concern and assistance shown to these fliers. All of the members of this group asked me to mention that they were delighted with the efforts made by Medic Kurlin to make them as comfortable as possible during the trip here.

Be assured that the American Army Air Corps High Command greatly values and fully appreciates the assistance which members of the Russian Forces render to those American fliers who due to military necessity must land in the rear area of the Russian Forces.

For the Group Commander:

[signature] DZHAK MULVEKHIL Major, Army Air Corps, USA Senior Officer

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